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Report Highlights:

FAS/Caracas provides information summarized from official reports and local media on statements made by the National Superintendent of SADA, the government's food storage entity.

General Information:

The National Superintendent of Silos, Storage and Warehousing for Agriculture (SADA), Carlos Osorio, urged the private sector, which he mentioned has the leading position in food distribution, to ensure access of food products to the entire population and not use it as a tool for politics.

Osorio blamed the private media for considering food processing plants as a "little machines to make money," unlike the Bolivarian Government that looks at them like as State security facilities.

He said that in the past food distribution was in private hands. However, since 2002 the Bolivarian Government has developed a series of tasks and sanctions to change the nation's food policy; now, the government has sufficient infrastructure to guarantee the distribution of food products.

He denied that there are food shortages, because the Bolivarian Government has been working in a coordinated way to ensure food sovereignty. He highlighted the role played by communities in this struggle, because "they...keep us informed of any abnormalities..." Osorio added, "Be confident that the Bolivarian Government is well organized and will guarantee food for the people at a fair price."

SOURCE: Government Statements and Media Reports